

The Free Press Short Story

Irish Fodder for the Dunes

By DENNIS H. STOVELL

SHAMUS O'NEILL, hating his heavy hoe over a yaffier in the lean-to, swung his floppy hat on a peg before he went to the pump under the porch to draw a brimful basin of cold water. He doused his ruddy face and spluttered, while Kitty, his sister, watched him uningly from the kitchen door. "Something must be ailing you, Shamus O'Neill," she timidly ventured. "Not a word have you said to me since coming through the gate."

Am sorry to have caused you this annoyance. He gave Kitty a parting smile as he turned from the porch. She sought the seclusion of her room, flinging herself down by the old horsehair trunk to weep bitter tears. The time had come to make ready the noontime meal when she rose. Her eyes were dry and glowing with a resolute purpose. "I, too, am an O'Neill!" she muttered, as she brought the little brown book from its place in the trunk. Before she started the dinner fire in the kitchen stove, she carefully wrapped the book, penned an address to Ben Weaver, county agent, applied the necessary stamps and posted the package in the mail box.

Cut Crops Soon in Canada's Big Glass Acreages

Research Experts Reap Harvest for Ideas on Promotion and Perfection of Wartime Production

By FRANK FLAHERTY Canadian Press Staff Writer

Ottawa, February 19th (CP) — It will soon be harvest time at the Central Experimental Farm. Winter wind-whirl over the fields but just two large greenhouses in artificial spring, a varied crop of grain is nearing maturity. Wheat, oats, peas, flax, barley are growing under glass. These are experimental crops in which the plant breeders are testing out various crosses of different varieties in an effort to improve the types of cereal plants available to Canadian farmers. By using the greenhouses for plant breeding three crops a year can be harvested and more rapid progress made in cross-breeding, testing and multiplying the seed.

House Workers Saving Britain

Their Great Importance in Emergency Inspires Writer's Efforts

Manchester, February 19th (CP) — Voluntary women workers, at times little organized but instinctively efficient and helpful, are the salvation of many difficult situations in bombed England to-day. Along this line, one writer in The Guardian says: "Kitchen workers, in their everyday aprons and overalls, their only uniform a W.V.A. (Women's Voluntary Service) buttoned apron, who have during the critical first days and nights, some of them throughout long rains, staffed the shelters, brewed tea and cocoa by candlelight, with water they have had to make efforts to collect, often on a coal fire, they have built themselves, have proved that in the great emergency they are the members of their many-sided organizations whose services in an emergency are of fundamental importance."

SONS ACCUSED MOTHER BLAMED

London, February 19th (CP) — A woman was rebuked for smoking when her two sons appeared in court on a charge of stealing coal. They were placed on probation.

Fighting Mildew

In recent years a disease called mildew has been hitting barley crops in different parts of Canada. Experimental barley sowing in a search for a variety which can resist the disease. In all, 200 different varieties of barley were tested and finally one European variety was found most resistant. This was crossed with some of the best Canadian varieties and the cross-breeds are now under test to determine which is likely to fill the bill.

Wheat Development

The first wheat revolution started with the development of Marquis wheat in the first decade of the present century. It was an early ripening variety, whose qualities made possible the development of the Empire Marquis wheat, evolved through a process of cross-breeding at the Central Experimental Farm, here, made the wheat growing area populous and prosperous but in time it proved overly susceptible to rust. This weakness, along with other factors, dry weather, grasshoppers and low prices contributed to the economic distress the wheat growing area suffered in the last decade.

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"SALADA" TEA

WAR 25 Years Ago

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Verdun's civilian population was hurriedly evacuated 25 years ago in the First Great War. Germany's long but unsuccessful attack on the great fortress, strongest of the four defending the eastern frontier, in France, began February 21st, 1916. For weeks the Germans had been assembling men and munitions for the assault to be launched by the army under command of the German Crown Prince. French military authorities expected the usual 48-hour artillery bombardment before the first enemy troops were hurled against the citadel, but the enemy tried a new method. German guns, for a short period, laid down the most intense fire of the war up to that time. It obliterated the first French lines, some 20 miles in front of the city, and broke up communication trenches. Fourteen German divisions were thrown against three French territorial divisions, who were holding the geyser notes of trenches in the centre between Verdun and Heribon.

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